METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FORMATTED ENTRY OF ELECTRONIC INK

Abstract of the Disclosure

Several methods, and related apparatus, are provided for the entry of formatted ink data (i.e., electronic ink) such that individual items in the data may be parsed and recognized more effectively. Each method allows users to enter formatted ink data in-line, which can then be recognized with constraints and parsed for use in other application programs or databases. In addition, a method is provided for allowing user-specialization of any of these entry methods (or other similar) methods. Note that in any of these methods, the user may send the formatted ink either to the default ink-processing application, or else directly to another application or database.

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